

REMARKS

A. The Section 112 Rejections

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous Section §112 rejections of claims 16-18.

Applicants have re-written claims 16-18 in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16-18 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate allowance of these claims in the next Office Action.

B. The Section 102 Rejections

Because the remaining claims have been canceled, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are now moot.

C. The Section 103 Rejections

Because the remaining claims have been canceled, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are now moot.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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